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INSTITUTIONS WITH EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Adult Training Centres

Brampton Adult Training Centre
Glendale Adult Training Centre, Simcoe
Maplehurst Adult Training Centre, Milton
Monteith Adult Training Centre
Thunder Bay Adult Training Centre

Correctional Centres

Burtch Correctional Centre, Brantford
Guelph Correctional Centre
Maplehurst Correctional Centre, Milton
Millbrook Correctional Centre
Monteith Correctional Centre
Rideau Correctional Centre, Burritt's Rapids
Thunder Bay Correctional Centre
Vanier Centre for Women, Brampton

Treatment

Guelph Assessment and Treatment Unit
Ontario Correctional Institute, Brampton

Jails and Detention Centres

Elgin-Middlesex Detention Centre
Hamilton Wentworth Detention Centre
Kenora Jail
Metropolitan Toronto East Detention Centre
Metropolitan Toronto West Detention Centre
Windsor Jail



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CORRECTIONAL EDUCATION IN ONTARIO

The Ministry of Correctional Services has its own integrated educational system with programs in many adult institutions. Over 70 teachers and 30 trade instructors are engaged in a wide range of programs designed to modify the attitudes and behaviour of inmates in the correctional population.

Teachers are employed on regular teachers' contracts by the Provincial Schools Authority and have salary and fringe benefit conditions comparable to the community educational system.

A close association is maintained with the Ministry of Education. Officers from that Ministry visit our correctional education facilities regularly for supervisory and consultative purposes. The curriculum guidelines of the Ministry of Education are recognized as important guidelines and standards.

MINISTERIAL JURISDICTION

The Ministry is responsible for adult offenders with sentences of less than two years.

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Educational programs are conducted in jails, detention centres, correctional centres and adult training centres.

The educational focal point in adult institutions is the adult training centre. These centres have been established to accommodate young adults who are more highly motivated for an educational experience and are in need of skill training.

Adult training centre students take courses in academic, vocational and Life Skills education. Academic instruction generally is at the grade seven to ten level; however, work at any level from basic literacy to university may be done through the use of individualized remedial assistance, correspondence courses, community college and university extension programs. Vocational and trades training opportunities include drafting, graphics, auto mechanics, welding, woodworking, electricity and electronics, building maintenance, sheetmetal, machine shop, painting and decorating, etc.

A major emphasis through all educational programs is Life Skills. The aim is to increase

the inmate's repertoire of skills so that daily living is a successful and satisfying experience for him. This learning may include such things as finding, acquiring and holding a job, understanding money management, family relations, the use of leisure time.

The method of teaching Life Skills is generally one of dealing with values issues and making decisions in relation to these issues. Special Life Skills projects in seven jails in the northern portion of the province are being supported by grants from the Ministry of Treasury Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs. As a result, selected inmates from these jails are able to attend community colleges or receive tutorial assistance for their studies within the jail.

Study groups and seminars have been held to develop greater understanding of the Native offender.

Volunteers are involved with educational programs in many ways and particularly in the Life Skills activities, bringing into the institutions an important community perspective. Sheridan College in Oakville has associations with several institutions.

The Ministry's Temporary Absence Program has allowed selected inmates to be released for daily attendance in a variety of educational programs from the secondary school to graduate school level.

Working arrangements exist between the Ministry of Correctional Services and the Ministry of Labour for continuance of apprenticeship, and with the Department of Manpower for additional training or job placement.

EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES

All schools have well-equipped classrooms, particularly those completed in the last few years such as the Vanier Centre for Women, the Ontario Correctional Institute in Brampton, and Maplehurst Adult Training Centre.

New educational facilities have recently been completed at Brampton, Monteith and Thunder Bay Adult Training Centres.

The new Maplehurst Adult Training Centre which opened recently at Milton provides the Ministry's largest and most comprehensive education program.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Because of the wide range of individual differences and educational levels of our students, the academic and vocational programs are necessarily complex. Many students coming under the jurisdiction of the Ministry have been underachievers and have a history of low motivation and poor performance. Teachers working within a correctional setting must have the ability to motivate relationships and actions. Inservice training for teachers provides understanding of the offenders' problems in daily living, so that the teacher can guide his students toward the development of the attitudes and skills that are basic to responsible living in our society.

TEACHERS AND TRADE INSTRUCTORS

The Ministry is competitive with outside school boards for teachers' services. Many teachers have acquired qualifications in special education, guidance, and corrections. The quality of teaching and learning is high throughout the system and many teachers are committed to a career in correctional education.

Teachers have established their professional status and enjoy a close relationship with the teaching profession in general. Qualified teachers in the Ministry have recognized the need for cooperation and communication amongst themselves and have formed a professional association which, among other things, endeavors to hold an annual Professional Development Conference.

The correctional education system is small and our students may return to schools anywhere in the province. It is therefore important that the lines of communication between the Ministry and community schools be kept open. When requested, the Ontario student record card is sent to the institution so that on return to school, it may be seen what credits the student has attained during incarceration.

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